

At the lake (or wherever) . . .

- Don't litter
- Don't throw your wastes overboard - take them to shore and dispose of them properly
- Be sure there's a holding tank in your cruising yacht - use it
- Oil and gas spills in water are unattractive, hazardous, and harmful - be careful, avoid them
- Use soap instead of detergent - most lake and river water is soft
- Kitchen or other wastes spilled into the water or on the ground pollute - dump them in your septic tank or privy pit
- Take a garbage bag to a picnic - use it
- Can your litter
- Have a good time



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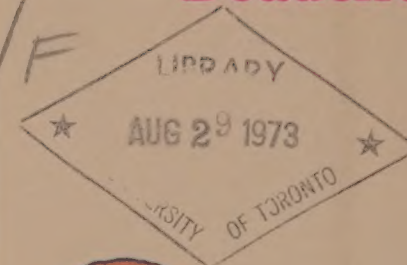
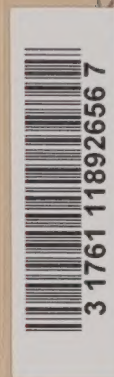
No matter where or when . . .

- Be conscious of your environment
- Learn all you can about it - your life and health may depend on it
- Support environmental legislation
- Write letters of complaint to politicians, officials, industry representatives, newspapers
- Write letters of praise
- Find out whether sewage, water, garbage in your community are adequately processed and treated - press for better methods if needed
- Oppose use of disposable products
- Support recycling
- Help control littering - organize clean-up campaigns
- Oppose noisy gadgets, appliances, machinery
- Request environmental education at your school
- Join an environmental, naturalist, anti-pollution or similar group in your community. Start one, if there isn't one
- Report pollution to the authorities
- Get involved
- Keep Ontario beautiful

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Wherever you are, there are simple things you can do to help create a more beautiful environment for yourself and others to live in.

Like simply not doing things that make our environment less attractive — littering, for example.

Of course you could do a bit more than that — say, plant a flower, or ride a bicycle to work.

Or you could go all out and join or start an environmental group.

There are a lot of things you could do to help us keep Ontario beautiful. Read on for some suggestions. Try them. It's fun. Then think up some more. Do your own thing.

Around the home . . .

- Use low-phosphate detergents
- Turn off taps — don't waste water
- Turn off switches — don't waste electricity
- Discard paints properly, solvents, gas, oil and other chemicals — don't pour them down the drain
- Use quiet machinery and appliances — keep noise pollution down
- Use pesticides and herbicides only when necessary, and then sparingly
- Return soft drink bottles
- Plant a flower, tree, shrub
- Compost leaves (and other household wastes) — don't burn them
- Use organic fertilizer
- Buy refills, shun disposables
- Take a shopping basket or bag to the grocery store, avoid excess packaging
- Keep your garbage down — recycle, re-use bags, other containers
- Have your furnace checked every year — it's safer, cleaner, and cheaper that way
- Burn 'clean' fuel in your fireplace (wet wood or coal burns poorly, smokes a lot)
- Plant another flower
- Smile a lot

On your way to . . .

- Shut off your engine when you don't need it — an idling engine doesn't get you anywhere, pollutes, and costs you money
- Keep your car engine well tuned — it starts and runs better, pollutes less
- Ask your gas station attendant for a low-lead fuel
- Be sure all pollution control devices on your car are in good working order
- Fight noise pollution — be sure your muffler muffles
- Use your car horn only when you really need to
- Carry a litterbag — don't throw trash out of the car window
- Form or join a car pool
- Leave your car at home — don't take it downtown
- Meet people — use public transportation
- Ride a bicycle to work, to shop
- Walk
- Have a happy day

